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STATE LIBRARY NEWS Mrs. LaVern Kohl, of Great Falls, has been named reference librarian at the Montana State Library, effective October 16, 1972. Mrs. Kohl, former head of the Great Falls Public Library Reference Department, succeeds Michele Sullivan, who resigned from the State Library staff on September 15 to accept a position as assistant head of the documents department at the Yale University Library.

John Mason, Librarian at the Montana State Prison, has resigned to accept a position as cataloger for the Montana Historical Society Library. The State Library is now seeking applicants for the Prison Library position, which will be open November 20.

FEDERATION WORKSHOPS The Northwest Montana Federation of Libraries and the Sagebrush Federation of Libraries held their fall workshops on September 15 in Libby, and on October 14, in Miles City. At the Northwest meeting, in addition to reports of activities in individual libraries, participants discussed the preparation of community resource files. At the Sagebrush meeting, Mrs. Lucy Jones of the Miles City Library Board presented a summary of the PNLA interpersonal communications workshop held in August in Billings. At both meetings, reports from the 1972 ALA conference were presented. Mrs. Inez Herrig and Mrs. Marie MacDonald were the federations' representatives at the conference.

BILLINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY PROCESSING CENTER Operations of the center, which serves the South Central Federation of Libraries, the Montana State Library, the City-County Library of Missoula, the Helena Public Library, the Dillon Public Library, the Sheridan Public Library, and the Three Forks Public Library, have been the object of a study by Miss Jewel C. Hardkopf, Librarian Management Analyst, during the month of September and the early part of October. Miss Hardkopf's work has included the preparation of a procedures manual for the center, analysis of operations and needs, and assistance to participating librarians in the preparation of a Handbook for Contracting Librarians. Preparation of the handbook was the object of an intensive day-long workshop held in Billings on October 6; participants included representatives from all save one of the contracting libraries, members of the Center staff, and guests from the Sagebrush and Northwest Montana federations.

MONTANA AND THE SKY The Montana Aeronautics Commission and the Montana Historical Society have offered copies of Montana and the Sky, Frank Wiley's 1966 history of Montana aviation, free of charge to any Montana library wishing a copy. Requests should be addressed to the Montana State Library, which is handling distribution.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION MATERIALS The State Library has available for free distribution on a first-come, first-served basis incomplete sets of the recent Constitutional Convention's memorandums, occasional papers, and studies. Requests should be sent to the State Library's Documents Librarian.

FOR LIBRARY TRUSTEES The State Library has acquired a print of the Indiana State Library's 16mm film, Multiple Choice, which discusses the roles and responsibilities of library board members. This film may be borrowed from the Montana Public Library Film Service, at the Great Falls Public Library. The State Library also has a copy of the WICHE-produced slide/cassette presentation, Library Trusteeship, an Introduction, prepared by Peter Hiatt and Octavio Noda. This set may be borrowed from the State Library.

PEOPLE Mrs. Muriel Cooksey, assistant librarian at the Miles City Public Library since 1960, has been named to succeed Mrs. Clare M. Smith as head librarian. Mrs. Smith's resignation as head librarian became effective October 1; she had been head librarian for 22½ years, and will remain on the library staff part-time as consultant to the Sagebrush Federation of Libraries.

Mrs. Esther Nims has resigned as assistant librarian of the Big Timber Public Library, effective October 1; she had served in this position since 1961. She will be succeeded by Mrs. Marilyn Lemmons and Mrs. Marilyn Jenkins, part-time assistants.

Mr. Marion R. Evans has joined the library staff at Montana State University as Catalog Librarian; he is a graduate of Kansas State Teachers College, and has had previous experience at the Nevada State Library and the Chico (California) State College Library.

Mrs. Mary Helen Hagerty, Catalog Librarian at the Great Falls Public Library, will retire on October 31 after twenty-one years of service at the library. An avid reader and long-time library user, Mrs. Hagerty wrote the library's weekly column in the Great Falls Tribune for many years.

Miss Mary Lou Thompson has been named catalog librarian for the Great Falls Public Library. Formerly on the staff of the Bemidji State College Library in Minnesota, Miss Thompson has taught in Montana schools, and holds a Master's degree in Education from the University of Montana.

Miss J. Eileen Boyd has been named Assistant Professor of Education at the University of Montana, to succeed Larry Hodges, who recently retired. Miss Boyd holds graduate degrees from the University of California at Los Angeles and San Jose State College, and has had experience in public, academic, and school libraries in California.

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR AWARDS The Montana Association of School Librarians, a division of the Montana Library Association, recognizes annually a school administrator who merits recommendation for outstanding support and contribution to the school library program of his district. The award is presented at the Montana Library Association conference in May. Librarians interested in submitting recommendations for this award may obtain information and application forms from Mrs. Priscilla Dalton, Librarian at the Helena Junior High School.

SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA PROGRAM AWARDS The School Library Media Program of the Year Award, a $5,000 prize for the most outstanding school library media program at the elementary level, has been established jointly by the American Association of School Librarians and Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc. The first cash award under this program will be made during National Library Week, April 8-14, 1973; as many as five additional schools may also be cited for the excellence of their elementary media programs. Completed public school applications from Montana schools must be submitted to Mrs. Ethlyn Paris, Chairman, Montana Association of School Librarians, 322 South D Street, Livingston, Montana 59047; non-public school applications should be forwarded directly to the AASL office at the American Library Association headquarters, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

CATALOG OF ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS The Department of Health, Education, and Welfare has prepared as a public service a Catalog of Assistance Programs Providing Financial Support and Services to States, Communities, Organizations, and Individuals. Montana libraries may wish to purchase this publication, at $2.00, from the Visitors-Information Center, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, 330 Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20201.

LIBRARY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES The Montana State University has announced two workshops for June 1973. Nancy Larrick will conduct a poetry workshop June 11-15; and Opal Larsen of the MSU Library staff will conduct a book conservation workshop June 11-13. The poetry workshop will be offered for two credits; the book conservation workshop will carry one credit. Further information on these workshops will be forthcoming.

VOICES OF ALA A slide/cassette presentation by the American Library Association Membership Committee and the ALA Membership Promotion Office, presenting ALA members discussing the importance of participation in the Association, may be borrowed from the State Library. The set has eighty slides, and audio in both cassette and open reel tape. Running time is eleven minutes.

MONTANA IN PRINT Montana in Print, a bibliography of Montana materials currently in print, together with a listing of significant periodicals for libraries, has been prepared for the State Library by Mrs. Marie MacDonald, Librarian of the Glendive Public Library, and Harold L. Chambers, former Cataloger for the State Historical Society Library. Copy for this bibliography has been sent to the printers; as soon as the published edition is available, it will be sent to all libraries in Montana, and additional copies will be available from the State Library, upon request. Montana in Print will replace Montana As It Is and Was, issued by the State Library in 1966 and no longer available. Its compilation and publication are possible through funds available to the State Library under Title III of the Library Services and Construction Act.

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